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The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue
12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Regina LaBelle

Dear Mayor Nickels:

As President of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County Public Utility District #1, I am writing to offer my support for the reconfirmation of Seattle City Light Superintendent Gary Zarker.

In 1996, I had the honor of serving with Mr. Zarker on the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. The 20-member committee appointed by the Governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana broadly represented the stakeholder interests of the Northwest Energy System. Through an intensive year long public process, the review developed recommendations for changes in the institutional structure of the electric utility industry. Since Washington State is the largest beneficiary of the power marketed by the Bonneville Power Administration the stakes are very high for our citizens. Although well represented on the committee, we Washington State Regional Review Steering Committee members were, never the less, a committee minority. It was extremely important for Washington Committee members to work together and positively engage with the full committee to define a solution that provided the four Governors with a recommendation that was acceptable to them and protected the stakeholders that Mr. Zarker represented. Mr. Zarker was a key player who provided leadership and vision to ensure that the Review report accomplished the goal set forth by the Region's Governors.

Mr. Zarker's understanding of the region's complex energy system is critical to the future of Seattle City Light. Mr. Zarker is a respected national public power leader who reflects the needs and values of the consumer owners of Seattle City Light. The future of Seattle City Light is critical to Washington States' economic vitality, environmental quality and, consumer protections. I believe that Gary Zarker is the right person to provide leadership for Seattle City Light and I offer my unqualified endorsement.

Sincerely,

T. James Davis
Commissioner

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